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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-00533  
**Keyword:** Human Resources  
**Subject:** Common Purpose Training

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

#### Question 1

Has anyone from Police Service of Northern Ireland ever attended a Common Purpose training course? If so, please list the courses they have attended, their dates, their cost and details of who paid for them.

#### Answer

I have been advised that PSNI personnel have attended Common Purpose training courses.

Page 1 below contains the information requested regarding these courses. All these courses were paid for by the PSNI and in order to obtain a response to the questions asked the details were extracted from the PSNI finance system.

Please note the details of the actual courses prior to 2006 are not available as these invoices have been destroyed and the courses were not recorded on the system.

Although the PSNI paid for the courses I have also supplied, where available, the actual department whose budget these were accredited to.

#### Question 2

Are there any Common Purpose 'graduates' in Police Service of Northern Ireland?

By 'Common Purpose', I mean the training organisation of that name:

- a) Common Purpose UK, a subsidiary of (and)
- b) The Common Purpose Charitable Trust, with both bodies being registered with the Charity Commission under the Registered Charity number 1023384.

or

<http://www.commonpurpose.org/home.aspx>

By 'Common Purpose graduate', I refer to a specific class of person who has passed the advanced Common Purpose courses.

### **Answer**

Although this is not a valid question under Section 8(1)(c) of the Act as it does not ask for recorded information I can advise that the PSNI do have Common Purpose 'graduates'. By 'graduates' the PSNI understand this to be employees who have attended Common Purpose courses during their employment with the service and funded by the service.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnj.police.uk](http://www.psnj.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Short Name	Date	Amount	Course	Dept who Paid for Invoice
COMMON-PURPO	13/12/2000	2996.25	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	13/06/2001	2585	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	13/06/2001	2585	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	24/10/2001	2585	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	24/10/2001	2585	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	15/11/2001	881.25	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	06/12/2001	4230	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	10/04/2002	3231.25	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	10/04/2002	3231.25	records over 6 years plus 1 - records disposed off	
COMMON-PURPO	19/12/2003	4523.75	Finance system does not have details course attended	Pol Corp
COMMON-PURPO	05/03/2004	200	Finance system does not have details course attended	DCC office
COMMON-PURPO	09/01/2006	1116.25	Finance system does not have details course attended	DCC office
COMMON-PURPO	30/05/2007	1151.5	Common Purpose Profile June 2006	Ops Support Dept
COMMON-PURPO	06/05/2008	6491.88	Common Purpose 20:20 June2008	Criminal Justice Dept1
COMMON-PURPO	16/01/2009	6612.5	Common Purpose 20:20 June 2009	Rural Region
COMMON-PURPO	19/10/2009	287.5	Common Purpose Leadership Masterclass Scotland 2009	Urban Region
COMMON-PURPO	17/02/2010	5816.25	1st 50% of bill re 6 x 2 hr briefing sessions	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	08/03/2010	5816.25	2nd 50% of bill re 6 x 2 hr briefing sessions	Police College

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COMMON-PURPO	20/06/2006	1116.25	Common Purpose June 06	
COMMON-PURPO	21/09/2006	3525	Common Purpose NI Navigator 2006	DCC Reserve
COMMON-PURPO	06/12/2006	4935	Common Purpose Belfast Matrix Programme 2007	DCC Reserve
COMMON-PURPO	30/10/2007	3525	Common Purpose NI Navigator 2007	Ops support Dept
COMMON-PURPO	21/02/2008	4964.38	Common Purpose The Know 2008	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	21/02/2008	4964.38	Common Purpose The Know 2008	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	22/02/2008	4964.38	Common Purpose The Know 2008	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	28/02/2008	4964.38	Common Purpose The Know 2008	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	10/09/2008	4112.5	Navigator 2008	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	10/09/2008	4112.5	Navigator 2008	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	10/09/2008	4112.5	Navigator 2008	Police College
COMMON-PURPO	20/11/2008	5287.5	The KNOW 2009	DCC Reserve
COMMON-PURPO	11/12/2008	5175	The KNOW 2009	DCC Reserve
COMMON-PURPO	11/12/2008	5175	The KNOW 2009	DCC Reserve
COMMON-PURPO	18/12/2008	5175	The KNOW 2009	DCC Reserve
COMMON-PURPO	28/01/2010	5287.5	Meridian NI 2010	Urban Region, A & B district